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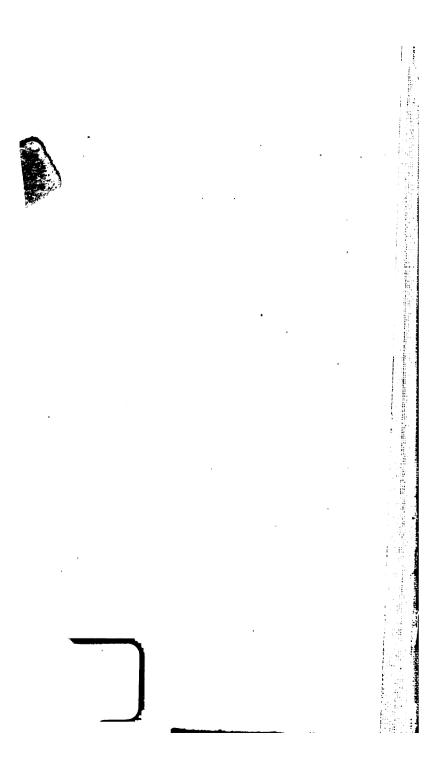
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THE Editor, in arranging the following Biographical Sketch, sincerely regrets that it had not fallen into the hands of one more competent to render to the character of the Author of these Fables that justice which it so eminently deserves; but the brief history which is here given is taken principally from Mr. Northcote's own letters and writings, sources from which much that would be interesting and novel might be derived, but from the limited space allowed for this purpose must necessarily be omitted.

The Editor cannot, however, close this short notice without expressing his sense of the valuable assistance he has received from Mr. BROCKEDON, an intimate friend of the Author; who not only kindly suggested many revisions, but supplied him with all the early and original letters which appear in this Memoir.

E. S. R.

27, GROSVENOR STREET, March, 1833.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE

OF

JAMES NORTHCOTE, ESQ. R.A.

This eminent Artist and highly talented man was born in the parish of Saint Andrew's, Plymouth, on the 22d of October, 1746. His father, who was a watchmaker, was descended from a younger branch of an ancient family in Devonshire, of great respectability *, which has given, at different periods, several high sheriffs and representatives in parliament for that county.

There were besides James six other children: five sons and one daughter; four of the sons died

The learned Camden, in his "Remains," derives the name of Northcote, among several others, from their respective mansions.

Originally there was at or de set before them, and these distinctions were strictly observed till the time of Edward IV.

"In Tallytowne (says Westcote, a celebrated antiquary of Devon) stands four Coates or Cots (in tymes past cotages) tenements distinguished by four chief poynts of the Compass, Eastcot, Westcot, Northcot, and Southcot, and so seated from the Church standing as a centre, all of which in former tymes were inhabited by some of the same denomination, though all

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John Northcoln of Hayne, in

necessary to make me so. I don't in the least think it disrespect that my letters are not answered soon, but I do assure you I shall expect an answer from each, from the carriers, of mine, on their return to Plymouth. I wish you were as much amused with my letters as I am with yours, and that would be a sufficient reward for the trouble you must take in writing such delightful long ones to us.

"Mr. Mudge is told the whole of your situation, so he heard all your last letter read with all that pleasure as if equally interested with ourselves, and paid ye many no small compliments. Do go to Renolds's often, that when I have the pleasure of seeing you I may hear all about it. Mr. Mudge says he knows you are exceedingly welcome, as he is the most good-natured creature living. Miss Fillis is much obliged to you for the confidence you repose in her, (as I live I don't know whe'er that is'ent nonsense, but hope tis'ent). I will remember you in her next letter to Miss Chadder, which will be soon. In all my reading I never met with such a character as you drew us in your last; the most like it, that I remember, is simple

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^{*} Afterwards Sir Joshua, who was knighted subsequent to his being elected President of the Royal Academy, upon the establishment of that body in 1768. It would appear from this allusion that Samuel had also been indebted to Mr. Mudge for an introduction to Renolds; and the anxiety of James that Samuel should go there often, that "he might hear all about it," marks his deep interest in the Arts and its principal professor at that time.

Simon. I suppose you remember the Memoirs of that unfortunate poor man.

" I have only to and.

" I am thy dear Brother,

" JAMES NORTHCOTE."

He seems early to have displayed a strong propensity for the art of painting; but this dawning to limition met with considerable opposition from his father, who considered the height necessary to be attained for distinction and consequent advantage as too difficult and uncertain, especially in the then situation of his family; and it was comembered that his grandfather had attempted to practice the art, but without success.

Young Northcote's fondness for painting, hownour, prevailed over the drudgery of his mechanical
ampleyment, and he determined to abandon the
manipation he had been engaged in, and devote
himself entirely to his favourite study; he therelors manifed upon going to London, an undertaking at that time of no inconsiderable effort.
His was now twenty-five years old, and had
never been twenty miles from his native place.
This resolution to devote himself to the art was
strengthened by the favourable reception of a
print from a painting he had made of a bathingplace near Plymouth. In this he speculated, and
his share of the profits, which amounted to five
guineas, was added to five more, the savings of

his previous life, and constituted the whole of his riches for this important undertaking, as his father * refused to assist him. His brother at this time having made a visit to Plymouth, James determined to accompany him on his return to London, "the focus" of the Fine Arts; and, having obtained a recommendatory letter from Dr. Mudge to Sir Joshua Reynolds, the two brothers left Plymouth for London, where they arrived early in the spring of 1771, having walked the whole distance, except when aided by an occasional return chaise. A letter of recommendation from a man of such acknowledged character as Dr. Mudge necessarily implied some share of merit in the bearer: and James Northcote was indebted to this for a very kind reception by Sir Joshua.

It, however, became necessary for him to consider of some means to satisfy his wants, though they were few. He had brought with him a painting of a duck, which had met with much commendation at home. This he offered to a printseller on Ludgate Hill (at that time the only one between Tyburn and Saint Paul's), who declined purchasing the picture, but engaged him to colour prints of flowers at one shilling per

^{*} Mr. Samuel Northcote, Sen. died, November 13, 1791, ætat. eighty-three years. Mary, his wife, died September 3, 1778, ætat. sixty-seven years.

sheet: at first he could only complete one each day; yet this sum, small as it was, paid his expenses.

It appears that Samuel returned soon after to Plymouth and settled with his father in business, for the following letter from James to his father is superscribed in the handwriting of Mr. Samuel Northcote, "My brother's first letter from London, June 14th. 1771."

" HONOURED SIR.

"I MAKE no doubt but you are surprised at my remaining in London after Samuel left it, but I must beg the liberty of staying some little time; probably I shall not like it long, though now I prefer it to every place I ever saw. I intend to copy one or two pictures of Sir Joshua Reynolds's; he is vastly kind. Last Monday I dined with him at five o'clock, which is his constant hour, and eat mackarel. I dined with Mr. Holmes on Sunday, and had mackarel. I inquired of him concerning the Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, &c.; and he directed me to the Secretary. I went to him, and he gave me those two books, which he said would inform me of the whole institution Give my duty to my mother, and love to Sam and Polly, and compliments to Mr. Garden. wish Polly could but see Sir Joshua Reynolds's

house: it is to me a heaven. I am in perfect health, and pray that you may all remain so.

" And am your dutiful Son,

" JAMES NORTHCOTE."

"I hope Samuel is safely arrived: I want much to know about his journey."

He continued to be employed by the printseller until Sir Joshua, struck by his perseverance and attention, took him into his house. He often said that nothing could exceed his happiness at this improvement of his prospects, and was much chagrined at receiving a volley of abuse from his old employer, when he expected only congratulation on his good fortune. At this time he sent the following letter to his father.

" HONOURED SIR,

July 25, 1771.

"EVER since I have been at Sir Joshua Reynolds's he has behaved with the utmost kindness, but he has now given me a proof of his friendship which I could not possibly have conceived; I hope it will mee't with your approbation, as I should be very backward to take any steps without your consent; but last Tuesday evening, as I was looking at the pictures in the Gallery, Sir Joshua came in and asked me if I was examining the paintings, and where I lodged, and what I gave

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love to Sam and Polly, and compliments to Mrs. Garden, and other of my friends.

"And I remain your dutiful Son,
"JAMES NORTHCOTE."

"P.S. I am in perfect health and high spirits, as you may suppose; pray send you are the same. Whether I shall make a good painter or not is uncertain; but you may depend on it I will try with all my might. Mrs. Lefty says she thinks hers is a lucky house, and faith I think so too!!"

This letter expresses the feelings of Northcote in the moment of excitement, arising from his gratified wish, and they appear never to have lessened; for, thirty years after, in his Life of Sir Joshua Reynolds, p. 227, vol. i., in mentioning his engagement with that great master, he says. " If I might now be suffered to say a little of myself. I would declare that I feel it next to impossible to express the pleasure I received in breathing, if it may be so said, in an atmosphere of Art, having until this period been entirely debarred not only from the practice of the Art itself, but even from the sight of pictures of any excellence, as the county of Devon at that time did not abound with specimens, and even those few which are scattered about the country I had no opportunity of ever seeing; and as from the earliest period of my being able to make any observation, I had conceived him to be the greatest painter that ever

lived, it may be conjectured what I felt when I found myself in his house as his scholar: and by Sir Joshua cultivating the very best society of all the ingenious and learned men of his own time, in consequence of which, and his unassuming and gentle manner and refined habits, his table exhibited an assemblage of all the talents of Great Britain and Ireland, there being scarce a person in the three kingdoms distinguished for his attainments in literature or the arts, or for his exertions at the bar, in the senate, or the field, who was not occasionally found there."

During his residence with Sir Joshua he had frequent opportunities of intercourse with the illustrious great who assembled round the hospitable board of the President of the Royal Academy. Among these were Dr. Johnson, Dr. Goldsmith, Burke, and Garrick; and possessing as Northcote did from nature a spirit of observation, and a retentive memory, he here rapidly improved, not only in the professional object of his pursuits, but in literary and other accomplishments of the mind.

Many of his letters to his brother at this period are interesting, from the mention of some of these distinguished men, as the following extracts * will show:—

^{*} The whole of the extracts given are faithful copies from the originals, excepting in very few instances where the same word has been found spelt different ways in the same Letter. In those cases the correct one has been adopted.

" DEAR BROTHER, London, Nov. 19, 1772.

" I SHOULD have painted Elford * before this time but was not able to do so, as I was employed for Sir Joshua on the most considerable job I have vet done; it is painting the drapery to the whole length picture of the Duke of Cumberland; he is dressed in his Installation Robes, Knight of the Garter, which I paint from the Duke's own Robes put on upon the Layman: the dress is very grand, as you may suppose from some pictures which vou have seen, I believe, of the Kings in the Town Hall; the Collar of S. S. is gold, with a St. George killing the Dragon in Enamel. * Sir Joshua is now painting Mr. and Mrs. Garrick in one picture, which is about the bigness of that in the fore room of Grandfather and Grandmother. The other day Garrick came into the dining-room when I was painting and spoke to me. Sir Joshua talks of painting a very large picture of him in a great many different characters; he is to be in his proper character in the middle speaking a Prologue, and about fourteen or fifteen of the most remarkable characters which he has acted to be standing round harkening to him; and he will sit for all these. I heard him say he had acted in all a hundred and twenty different characters, and

^{*} Now Sir William Elford, Bart.

out of them the most remarkable are to be chosen. It is to be painted in Sir Joshus's great room at Richmond next Summer; you need not mention

"The other day James Young, and his uncle at Islington, with the old Capt. Shirley who used to it, an it may never happen. In at Mrs. Garden's, came to see the Pictures: I did not know him at first. He desired his compliments to all our family, and told me a duelling which made me laugh of my Grandfather, who was less than me, for he had a whole suit of Clouthen made out of an old pair of breeches. " London, 12th Feb. 1773.

Sir Joshua and some other of the Royal Academy are endeavouring to get the Lord sent of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Mayor, with the great Officers of State, for a grant to adorn St. Paul's with Manual Paul's with Monuments of famous Men like Westminster

Abbev and Abbey, and also to put up History pictures as there are in the Cu there are in the Church at Rome, as it will be greatly for the greatly for the encouragement of the Arts; and the first Monument will be either for Sir Christopher W pher Wren or Mr. Pope; and all the Academy who are capable of doing something good enough are to give a are to give a piece of their work to be put up, and, to prevent any poor things, it must first be voted by the Academic them. voted by the Academy as worthy of a place there. to see Garrick act Hamlet, but I could not get any place better than the two Shilling Gallery, but from that I saw enough to be delighted beyond bounds; but to praise him is so threadbare, that it is ridiculous; yet, I must say, the excess of grace in all his actions quite amazed me; and he looked so young, and was so nimble when compared to his appearance when he comes here in his great Coat, for he begins to grow quite an old Man now. Some of the other parts were done vastly well."

" London, Feb. 24th, 1773.

You will think me quite extravagant when I tell you that I was at the play again; but I hope you will think it a sufficient excuse when I say that it was to see Mr. Garrick act King Lear. and I underwent pretty severe squeezing, but got well into the Pit at last, though I think it would have been worth while to have run a risk of ones life to have seen him, it so infinitely exceeded my expectations. I went without my dinner, as I was at the door a little after three o'clock. You know it is impossible to describe it, I can only give you some idea by the effects. The people were not content by clapping, but hollooed out with mighty shouts when he was going off; for I believe even the most ignorant people are sensible of his excellence; and it had such an effect on me that my hair seemed to stand on end upon my head. Sir Joshua says it is by much the most capital part he

can act, and that he thinks he does it without faults; but in every other he has a good many.

" London, March 24, 1773.

"I BEGIN this letter Sunday Evening. I am just returned from the Magdalen, where I went to hear the service with Mudge and Graves. The Women singing with the Organ is vastly pleasing, and Dr. Dodd preached a Sermon: I was never there before.—Last Monday I went to see Goldsmith's new play, and, quite the reverse to every body's expectations, it was received with the utmost applause; and Garrick has writ a very excellent prologue to it, in ridicule of the late Sentimental Comedies. Goldsmith was so kind to offer me half a Dozen Tickets for the Play on his night, and I intend to accept two or three: he is going to dedicate his play to old Johnson. * * * * * On Tuesday Ranelagh opens, and on the 24th of April the Exhibition opens. The other night I was at the play for Mrs. Hartley's benefit; Miss Reynold's gave me a Box ticket. Mrs. Hartley acted the part of Lady Macbeth, and very well I think. She is one of the most beautiful women I ever saw, and the finest figure; but has not a good voice. Smith acted Macbeth, but not well: but when one has an idea of Garrick, no other appears well: my saying this may seem like affectation, but the difference between him and the very best players I ever saw is so great that I cannot help making the comparison."

" London, April 21, 1773.

- " * * * * * Wolcot is come from Truro with Lady Trelawney; they called on me with Elford and her son Sir Harry, but I did not happen to be at home.
- "I went to the Oratorios with Cousin Priss, Miss Parrett, and Miss Bell, to hear Miss Linley* sing, who is the finest Singer in the world; it was the Messiah, and the King and Queen were there, and we were sadly squeezed; but Oratorios are to me insipid stuff, for I am most heartily tired before it is over. The King went every night. This Thursday the King and Queen go to the Exhibition, and on Saturday it will be open to the public.
 - "Desire my Mother will be quite easy on my account, for I do not idle much time for fear I should not paint well, and I have not money enough to indulge myself in many excesses, so that you may be sure I am very regular."

" London, May 6, 1773.

- "* * * * This night the King is gone to Covent Garden Playhouse to see Dr. Johnson's new play, which I make no doubt will be acted at Plymouth next Season.—There has been some very severe letters writ on the Pictures in the Exhibition, which are published in the Newspapers; but so far they have left mine unslandered and unpraised.
 - * Afterwards Mrs. R. B. Sheridan.

"It is now two years since I saw any of my Family or the Town of Plymouth."

" June 17, 1773.

"Mr. Mudge is very well, and his Family, but he is so continually dining and supping about that I seldom see him. He has been to the Queen, who desired Mr. Tom Mudge would bring him with him as soon as Her Majesty heard he was come to Town. He is to be invited to dine with Lord Shelburne and many persons of quality. I have dined with him here at Sir Joshua's, and met him first at the Exhibition. If I was to die I do not know how to keep any Accounts myself, but as I used to do, by keeping every body's money in different papers."

" August 5, 1773.

"So Sir Joshua will be down in the beginning of next month, I believe, to be made Mayor of Plympton."

" October 17, 1773.

"SIR Joshua has made a very fine Head of the Marquis of Bute, and an exact likeness; he is painting a Head of Counsellor Dunning, and another of Edmund Burke."

" London, Oct. 29, 1773.

"I went the other night to see Garrick act Kitely, which he did most amazing well. I had the pleasure of a full view of Lord Bute, for he is setting

to Sir Joshua for a whole length. * * * Sir Joshua is about a very fine whole length of Lord Bellemont, who was shot by Lord Townsend in a duel. I have desired old Ferguson to set to me for his picture, as he is very famous in his way, and a good old Man: this, I think, will be proper to make a present of to Mr. Mudge."

" London, Dec. 15, 1773.

"I have had the honour to copy Lord Bute's face, as there is to be two whole lengths made of him: his picture by no means gives me an idea of his character, if it be as the world say. He is a tall genteel figure, with a mean Scotch face; his skin very yellow, and small blue eyes, with a smile on his face, which gives a look of vast good nature and humility. Sir Joshua has made a most extraordinary fine head of him, and vastly like him. He must find it very different from the time when he was forced to have Bruisers behind his Coach to protect him, for now he comes in a Chair without any Servants, and often walks home on foot in his Surtout without any State."

On the 12th of May, 1776, he says, in the Life of Reynolds*, "I took my leave of Sir Joshua to take my chance in the world, and we parted with great cordiality. He said I was perfectly right in my intention, and that he had been fully satisfied

^{*} Vol. ii. p. 36.

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works of Art. In this tour he was accompanied by Mr. Prince Hoare, to whom he had a letter of introduction from Sir Joshua; and the intimacy thus formed continued with unabated regard to the last hour of his life.

He never spoke of Italy but in the language of the poet and the painter, and always dwelt with delight upon his recollections of the time he spent there. "I travelled," he would say, "from Lyons to Genoa, and back again from Genoa to Lyons, without speaking scarcely a word of the language, and yet I found no difficulty in having my wants supplied and my curiosity gratified."

He used to tell a story of a painter that went to Italy upon the same errand as himself, accompanied by Romney, who, on entering the Vatican, turned to the latter and exclaimed, "We are fairly caught, by George *!"

During his stay on the continent he was elected a Member of the Academy of Dei Forti at Rome, the Imperial Academy at Florence, and of the Ancient Etruscan Academy at Cortona. He was also requested to paint a portrait of himself for the Gallery of Florence, which he did. It is considered a most faithful resemblance and an excellent picture. Northcote was a devotee to his

^{*} The late Sir John Carr narrated a similar exclamation of a disappointed Englishman, who, upon his arrival in Rome, hastened to St. Peter's, and, gazing around with ineffable contempt for those who had found it an object of wonder, said, "What a humbug!"

profession, and to such an extent did he carry his admiration of it, that some have supposed, from the fervour with which he spoke of the works of Titian, Guido, Correggio, Raphael, and others, that Italy had not only sent him back a painter but a catholic. Though to a mind like his, warmly attached to his art, the imposing spectacles of the Romish Church possessed enchantments that might delight the imagination of the painter, but could never enslave his judgment.

On his return from the continent, in 1780, he again visited Plymouth with the intention of painting many portraits he had been solicited to do before he left England, but to his great surprise and disappointment he could not get a single commission there. He used to say, "When I mentioned this to Sir Joshua, he said, You should have painted them out before you left."

Having taken a house in Clifford Street, Bond Street, he commenced historical painting, and met with a most liberal friend and patron in Mr. Alderman Boydell, who gave a dinner to the principal Artists of the day, November 4, 1786, when the formation of the Shakspeare Gallery was agreed upon. This gentleman not only encouraged the growth of historical painting in England, by his liberality towards the Artists engaged in this hitherto unprofitable and consequently neglected branch of the Art, but it is also to him that English engraving is indebted for its present elevated character.

Previous to his princely exertions in favour of British talent the productions of France and Italy were far superior to any thing the English engraver had yet effected, and the beneficial results of the laudable rivalry his munificence created are now apparent in the masterly specimens of our own times, which court comparison with any effort of the foreign graver, and in most instances stand unrivalled for beauty and execution.

The first picture exhibited by Northcote in the Royal Academy was the portrait of his friend Dr. Mudge, in 1773; and he continued an exhibitor fifty-eight years. In 1786, he says, "I am now going on briskly with my Wat Tyler;" and in this year he was elected a Royal Academician.

It was now that Mr. Northcote's mind and talents began to develope themselves and to command notoriety. In writing to his brother, in 1787, he says, "Thank God, I am going on very well: I have now got out at interest £.500, and shall in a short time be able to make it 600. I receive for it 5 per cent."

In a letter dated May, 1787, he writes, "I have sent to the Exhibition three pictures, which are Wat Tyler, the portrait of Harry Whitefield, and one of Mr. Waldgrave."

The general admiration bestowed on the celebrated picture of Wat Tyler, now in the Guildhall, London, and which found the most conspicuous place in the Royal Academy, excited the envy of Dr. Wolcot (Peter Pindar), who it appears at this

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August 30, 1787, he writes, "I have finished my picture of Jael and Sisera, and it is now hung up in its place in the Council Room of the Royal Academy." He also mentions Opie's admission picture, and the print finished of the Children in the Tower: "Old Boydell is quite in raptures about it—intends it shall come out in the first number of the Shakspeare."

Again, Oct. 1787.—" I am now busily employed on a large picture for Boydell's Shakspeare; it is a scene from Richard the Third, when the two children, Edward Fifth and his brother the Duke of York, meet in the presence of Gloucester, Hastings, Buckingham, Archbishop of York, &c. &c."

He continued now to be fully employed in historical and portrait painting; and, in April, 1790, he mentions taking the house in Argyle Street (now Argyle Place), and painting the portrait of the Countess of Morton, when he raised his prices to twenty guineas for a head, and one hundred guineas for a whole length.

August, 1790.—He finished The Landing of King William, and received a commission from the Stationers' Company for an historical picture at two hundred and fifty guineas.

Mr. Northcote had now attained the zenith of his fame, having become one of the most distinguished painters of the British School. Some of his finest works were engraved, and from the estimation in which his talents were held, not only in England but on the continent, these engravings had for many years a considerable sale.

The affectionate and sincere regard which he always entertained for his brother led to frequent correspondence. In the following extract, dated Oct. 1790, he says, "I cannot but envy you your journey to Bickham, I should be so happy to be with you, and partake of the fruit, cream, and pleasant companions, for my life is nearly an uninterrupted course without any variety, from morning till night in my painting room."

"I am now going on briskly with my picture of the Death of the young Earl of Rutland, for the Shakspeare, which I do really think and expect it to be the best picture I have ever done: this is what I always tell you, and I flatter myself may possibly always be true, as I hope I still improve on each picture: however, it is a happiness at least to keep such an idea alive, or I should not be able to go on with any spirit, for I could not be very happy if I thought I should do nothing better than what I have already done. It is in human nature to look with a degree of contempt on what we have conquered."

"In the late Numbers of a periodical called the Imperial and Biographical Magazine there are the most flattering things said of my pictures that I have ever seen."

Jan. 9, 1791.—" The old Lord Mayor wants me to paint the picture which he is to give to the City, and young Boydell wants me to do another for the Shakspeare; one from the play of the first part of Henry Sixth, and I am yet in doubt of the scene: there is a pretty good one of Mortimer

dying in prison and Richard Plantagenet with him; and there is another scene I like as well in the same play, which is the Maid of Orleans, where she calls upon the Fiends to her assistance, and says, 'The Regent conquers, and the Frenchmen fly,' &c. The back ground of this subject is very fine—thunder, lightning, &c. I am at this time making sketches of this subject.'

"My Juliet is in the hands of a very clever engraver, who, I dare say, will make a good print from it."

1791, March 9.—"I am now painting the Death of Mortimer in Prison, and not the scene of the Maid of Orleans. I am also finishing the Burial of Edward Fifth and his Brother under the Stairs of the Tower. This is certainly one of the best designs I ever thought of, and I hope to make it so good a picture."

1791, June.—" On Sunday the Lord Mayor and Nicoll called to see the Death of Mortimer, which is now finished, and were exceedingly struck with it, and declared it was my best, and spoke of it in the warmest manner, and made no scruple of owning that my pictures were beyond all doubt the finest in the Gallery, and would be most valued hereafter *; and that Horace Walpole prefers them beyond all comparison."

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Spt. 27.—"I have scarcely been out of dinting room the whole summer, as I have a hard at work on the large picture of Richard, which has taken me a long time and much trouble, the Horses an infinite deal, as no part of them is lid by any figure, and I was determined to do them to my utmost power, and they are thought to be very fine: it is a foot higher and a foot longer than any picture I have ever done."

1793, Dec. 7.—Mentions the unsettled state of public affairs, money becoming exceedingly scarce, and all the commissions for pictures stopped. "I hope in God it will not long continue, or we shall all be ruined, and the Arts are among the first things that must perish." But he shows that he had more patriotism than parsimony, for he consoles himself by saying, "I shall not do as Mr. * * has done; for he tells me that he has had a secret place made in his cellar to hide his money, and would persuade me to do the same; but should the bank break, or the country be invaded, all must be sufferers alike, and we ought to meet it as a national calamity, or like an earthquake, impossible to be avoided."

"The other day I went down to Windsor with Cosway, and stayed three days, and saw the place twice over. West was there, and very kindly went about with me and Cosway; the Prince Adolphus was also with us. Our Royal Academy has now been instituted twenty-five years on the tenth of December, and an attempt was made to

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his travels to communicate to his own country, and politely tells me he shall make honourable mention of me in it. In the corner of the picture is a Book painted, in which I have got him to write with his own hand some Persian characters, what I do not know, but he tells me when I do, it will make me laugh: he speaks English well."

1803, April 20.—" The Exhibition opens on Monday, the 2d May. I have sent eight pictures, which is the full number allowed; to wit, the Portrait of Dr. Jenner, Portrait of Mr. Ralph Leicester, Portrait of Godwin, Portrait of the Speaker of the House of Commons, two Portraits in one Picture of Sportsmen with two Dogs, and Game, and Guns; Portrait of Captain Brooking; a Picture of a Vulture and Snake; and last, an Allegorical Picture of Christ the Good Shepherd."-In mentioning in this letter how much he is employed. he says, "I have been so perpetually harassed all day in business, and so tired by night, that I have not had the spirit to write; indeed I have been of late more employed than ever I was in my life, and at this time I do not know how to get through the things I have in hand, and have been prevented of late from taking my morning walks."

"When I have any leisure I am to paint an Historical Subject for Mr. Hoare the banker, who has a fine house at Dawlish, near Exeter; he wished it to be a Devonshire subject, and also with Animals in it, which, he thinks, I paint well. I have, therefore, made a sketch for him of the

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His earliest known literary productions are some papers to "The Artist," entitled, "Originality of Painting," "Imitators and Collectors;" "A Letter from a discontented Genius;" "Character of John Opie;" "Second Letter of a discontented Genius;" "On the Imitation of the Stage in Painting;" "The History of the slighted Beauty;" "The Dream of a Painter, an Allegory:" but his most important performances are "The Life of Sir Joshua Reynolds, containing Anecdotes of many distinguished Personages, and a brief Analysis; to which are added, Varieties on Art," 4to. 1813. A Supplement appeared in 1815, and an octavo edition, in 1819, with considerable additions. In 1828, Mr. Lawford published an octavo volume of "One Hundred Fables, original and selected, with engravings on wood, from designs by Mr. Northcote *.

^{*} It was by a curious process that Mr. Northcote really made the designs for these Fables the amusement of his old age, for his talents as a draftsman, excelling as he did in Animals, was rarely required by this undertaking. His general practice was to collect great numbers of prints of animals, and to cut them out; he then moved such as he selected about upon the surface of a piece of paper until he had illustrated the fable by placing them to his satisfaction, and had thus composed his subject; then fixing the different figures with paste to the paper, a few pen or pencil touches rendered this singular composition com-

In All appeared the "Life of Titian;" and the Tables, now published with this Signal if ins Life, was his last literary work, the chur n' les sui ace the idol around which he has wrathed the sanginings of years; and it is a sunguac incr. that the fondness for drawing, when because he copying the pictures * from Mover's Futures amended him in the midst of his curver Esco was still his favourite; for, in a none many che ! " he says, " The Fables you mane I have never seen. I have an edition of Kour's Faires in Italian, printed at Venice; but I shall be that we get those you mention the first nontante As as my Barlow's Æsop, it is a very obear one, as that book rises in price every year; and none that are perfect can now be got water three guines." And at the close of his hop Me we stall find that the great fabulist which gave him pleasure in childhood, and accidentally described his choice of a pursuit in life, gave happiness and interest to him in his old age.

The following letter to Mr. Harvey shows how intensely he folt regarding these Fables.

plate enough to place in the bands of Mr. Harvey, by whom it was adapted or freely translated on the blocks for the engravers. The designs made by this ingenious made are the more curious to baving been executed by a painter, whose masterly hand have to give that beauty of arrangement which make the materials and interesting.

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" MY DEAR SIR.

Argyle Place.

" Pray do not forsake me in my old age; I have a foolish anxiety to see this volume of Fables completed before I die; and although I know there is but little hope of that, yet if I could be gratified by seeing it in some degree of forwardness, it would give me much comfort. I know very well that it is to you, who have probably many years to come, a matter of but light concern, as your abilities must occasion your being sought after and tempted by works of much more profit to you, and full as advantageous to your fame; so that I can have no other claim upon you but that which proceeds from friendship and from pity: pray gratify my foolish vanity, and let me have the great enjoyment of knowing the work will go on. I remain, dear Sir, your most obliged servant for what you have already done, with a most earnest hope that you will still add to the obligation of your sincere friend,

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In addition to his published works, he had projected, and in some measure begun, "A cursory Account of the Origin and Progress of the Fine Arts in England," a work which it must be reverted he was not permitted to complete.

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made, in which we are seized by such a grasp, that, like the bulldog's jaws when he bites, can be loosened only by death: I mean our self-conceit; this remains with us through life without a chance of change."

For nearly half a century Mr. Northcote was seldom absent from his painting-room, where, in his loose gown and velvet cap, surrounded by a multifarious and disorderly assemblage of studies, casts, armour, and other *material* of a painter, his diminutive figure often contrasted strangely with the gigantic and muscular forms he was painting.

He was a close observer of human nature, and those who fell under his sarcastic scrutiny generally found how correctly he had analyzed their characters: his cynical remarks were often drawn from him by the encouragement his hearers gave, but though as a critic these remarks were sometimes severe, they were honest and frank. A young artist from Plymouth called upon him for advice, and exhibited some drawings; but not getting the injudicious praise previously bestowed by foolish friends, he ventured to say, "These were thought very well of, sir, at Plymouth."—"Were they?" said Northcote; "then I advise you to carry them back again, they will be thought nothing of here."

Few men enjoyed life more, and, although he would never afford the time to make mere calls upon his friends, he was visited daily by many characters distinguished by their rank, and by their attainments in art, science, and literature, to

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those who spoke to him, they forgot it whilst regarding the expression of his eye, and his figure was rarely noticed when the fine character of his head commanded attention; or if it was remarked, this often arose from his dress, which at home was rather slovenly; and abroad his long trowsers so folded about his heels from their disproportioned length, that they sometimes excited a joke that "Northcote still hoped to grow to them."

He was a timid man, and shrunk from any personal risk. One morning, when walking in the fields near Primrose Hill, he was robbed * by footpads; and for a long time after he avoided all chance of returning home alone, if late.

The uncompromising honesty of expression which he always adopted often gave a tone to his observations, which, like that of many others, had much more of Diogenes in it in theory, than in practice; for he was a kind-hearted and friendly man, and the refined consideration which he ever evinced for the comfort of his sister (who for forty years was his housekeeper) during his lifetime, and in the provision he made for her in his will, (which forbad the disposal of his house, or even the removal of any portion of his property while she lived, that she might not suffer any confusion or embarrassment,) shows little of the cynic in soul.

^{*} This robbery, from the manner in which he used to bewail the loss of an old family watch, was the subject of a quizzical parody on "Shepherds, I have lost my love," by his friend Wm. Hoare, Esq., and was printed in a collection of his poems.

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to his house, and for a short time to his chamber, where the few friends whom he was still desirous of seeing witnessed the last flashes of a spirit ever young, though united to a mortality on which the hand of time had pressed so long. At length these parted, on the evening of July 13, 1831, when he had nearly completed his eighty-fifth year. Thus ended a life which affords a most instructive example of the advantages of economy, of patient persevering industry, and of inflexible integrity.

The announcement of his death in the Morning Chronicle of the 16th of July, was accompanied by the following just summary of his character.

"THE DEATH OF JAMES NORTHCOTE, ESQ. R. A.

"On Wednesday evening, the 13th, died, after a few weeks illness, at his residence, Argyle Place, James Northcote, Esq. R.A. in the eighty-fifth year of his age. His protracted life of health, the result of a constitution naturally vigorous, upheld by a course of abstemiousness and regularity, gave him an opportunity of prosecuting his profession with unremitting industry and unabated ardour down to a very recent period of his existence. His death has destroyed the link that had united the celebrated characters of the present age with those who were in the habit of assembling around the table of Sir Joshua Reynolds. To the learned in the Art must be allotted the pleasurable office of eulogising the productions of his pencil, while to char consideration (in other fremes will be derive from the frequency verification of these matter at the first terms of th

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INTRODUCTION.

In preparing the present volume of Fables for the favourable consideration of the Public the Editor felt himself placed in a situation of much difficulty; but to edit this Work was a duty which the Author had himself imposed upon him: he has however endeavoured, as far as his abilities would allow, to follow the example and to act upon the intentions of the master mind that planned them; and from the time that has been bestowed, and the assiduity and attention paid, he trusts they will meet with that reception the Author's wishes anticipated.

Mr. NORTHCOTE left to the Editor the Copyright of these Fables, and bequeathed a sum towards their being published, with directions that they should in every way be equal to his first volume, which has already

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impetus to virtue by ever representing good principles predominant over faults and errors, and showing the possessors of virtue objects for admiration.

"The great principles of truth and justice are few and plain, but we must enforce them by every means that ingenuity can devise or variety accomplish, and thus introduce, disguised in masquerade, a subject which might be but coldly welcomed if presented in its old and worn out dress."

During the progress of the Work the Editor has been much indebted to Mr. HARVEY. The drawings from Mr. NORTHCOTE'S designs have been executed by him with a degree of excellence which must speak for itself. The vignettes and ornamental letters are entirely Mr. HARVEY'S invention; the ability and judgment displayed in their adaptation, are an additional confirmation of his taste and of the fertility of his conception.

To Mr. John Thompson, and the other Gentlemen engaged in the graphic portion of the Work, whose names are attached to their several performances in the Index, as heren most favourably received; he also herent that from his designs Mr. HARVEY shruid execute the drawings on the blocks her couravage, and the best engravers be complished, and that Mr. WHITTINGHAM, of the Caswall Press, should be the printer.

These Falics, and the designs for them, were the collection and study of many years of the Author's life, who must be his own apolicist for what might be by some considered a superfluous addition to our fabulous literature.

Although it may be argued that the subject of Fable has been exhausted, and that no new species of human error can be pointed out which has not already been exposed, ye the same argument may be alleged agains every other mode of moral instruction. Ever thing has been said, and most ably so, t warn the unwary and to direct the erring but it is necessary to repeat again and again what has been so often well urged but for gotten, the argument was a strey assume the factor of the same of the same

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Can thy weak warbling dare approach the thrush Or blackbird's accents in the hawthorn bush? Or with the lark dost thou, poor mimic, vie, Or nightingale's unequal'd melody? These other birds possessing twice thy fire, Have been content in silence to admire." "With candour judge," the minstrel bird replied, " Nor deem my efforts arrogance or pride; Think not ambition makes me act this part, I only sing because I love the art; I envy not, indeed, but much revere, Those birds whose fame the test of skill will bear: I feel no hope aspiring to surpass, Nor with their charming songs my own to class; Far other aims incite my humble strain; Then surely I your pardon may obtain, While I attempt the rural vale to move By imitating of the lays I love."





THE LYNX AND THE MOLE.

rambles, met with a Mole. The Lynx, pleased with the various beauties of nature as seen by his penetrating eye, solicited the

Mole to participate with him in viewing the delightful prospect from a rising ground.

The Mole, who had just left his hole in the earth, consented to accompany him. When they came in sight of the distant country, "See," said the Lynx, "how charming is the view before us! behold the bright Sun, that

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s it with delight, still heightened imagination, which brings a thousand associated pleasures in its train; and thus while to the one it seems as if deprived even to the own beauties, to the other it is decked out in borrowed splendour. From this cause proceeds that vast difference of opinions which we often hear given by different persons concerning the same object. The dull perceive but half of what is shown them, whilst the genius sees all its excellences refined and magnified.

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The effect these two orators had on the perceptions of their audience was exactly the reverse one to the other. That of the Elephant touched the guilty, like satire, with pain and reproach; even the most innocent was humbled, as none were wholly free from vice, and all felt themselves lowered even in their own opinion, and heard the admonition as an irk-

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THE BEE AND THE ANT.



VIOLENT dispute once arose between the Bee and the Ant, each claiming superiority for prudence and industry; and, as neither of them would give up the point,

they mutually agreed to refer the decision of this great question to the decree of Apollo, who was fortunately at hand tending the cattle of Admetus. Accordingly approaching the god, each made out his title to a preference with all the eloquence which a Bee or an Ant had ever been master of. When Apollo gave judgment thus:—" I consider you both as most excellent examples of industry and prudence.

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THE ELEPHANT AND THE SLAVE.

N Elephant, in his progress through the forest, saw a Slave felling trees, and linked by a chain to a log of wood, to prevent his escape. "I see clearly," said the Elephant,

"that you are a Slave by your equipment, an indication also of your past bad conduct, which has brought you to disgrace."—"True," said the Slave, "but notwithstanding my degraded state, I am still your superior."—"In one quality," replied the Elephant, "you have the advantage most supremely, and which mankind possess alone, in contradistinction to all other

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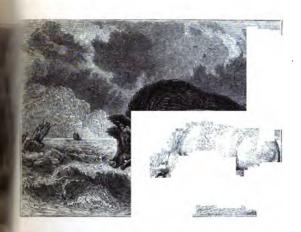
used by his driver, ventured to make his moan on being so hardly treated, more especially as he might boast with truth of the antiquity and dignity of his descent from one who had conversed with angelic beings, and whose story was commemorated in the highest of all records. "Yes," replied his master, "but that which you make your boast turns ly the more to your disgrace, in being so etched a representative of such an illustrious ncestor."

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THE TWO SWINE.



T once happened that a couple of Swine, whose sole pleasure depended on gratifying their appetites, travelled together, in quest of food and rarities, till

they came by accident to the seaside: here they saw, at a distance from the shore, some pieces of a wreck, which they took a fancy to believe contained some rich dainty, and thought that their longing appetite was a proof of its being some repast surpassing any thing

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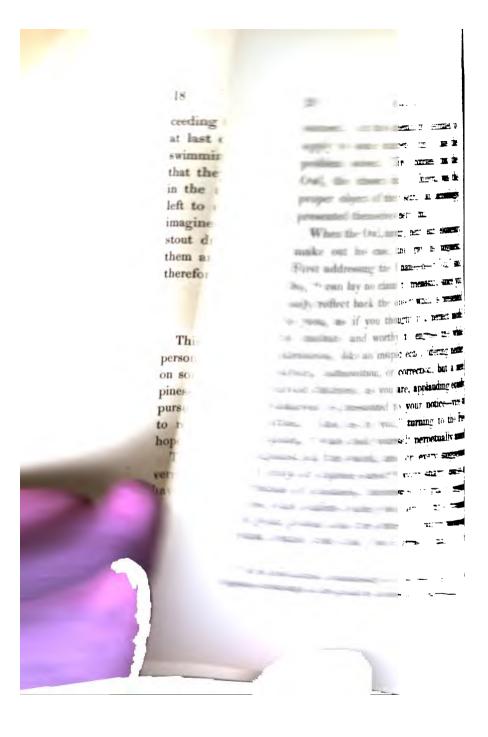
Those, whose excursive fancies rove ungoverned over the world of honours and riches, have a very uncertain view of the thing called happiness. It lies in the distant offing of life's sea, so imperfectly defined that it is scarcely more than guessed at, and the means taken to come up with it are too often the causes of our disappointment.



THE PORCUPINE, CHAMELEON, AND OWL.

NE day a meeting took place between a Porcupine and a Chameleon, who entering into confidential discourse, each most bitterly complained of the scorn

in which they were held by a cruel world. They both declared that they could not name one friend that they had in it, and yet could see no sufficient reason why they should be so hardly treated, especially as they had sought by varied experiments to gain approbation, but still found to their cost that neither could



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part of mankind who set the world at e by hourly irritation, and who seem to it to stir up ill blood by indulging their scorn, or pride, give up all the sweets liety for the sake of showing their wit, pleasure of mortifying by their censure. If these can set up no claims to the friend-of others. Nor can those base parasites to promote their own selfish ends, load false praise the victims of their craft, egarding the mischief they may occasion, ect to find friends when at last their falsed is discovered.

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THE HORSE AND GROOM.

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Horse whose each ancestral steed Renowned was both for blood and speed, Released awhile from curb and

Strode proudly o'er the grassy plain,
And thus a reverie began:
"Fool that I am, that puny man
Should rule me with his tyrant hand,
And bid me own his least command;
No longer will I thus submit
To goading spur and galling bit,

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From chair to chair he pass'd along

Without soliloquy or song,
Content in humdrum mood to' adjust
His matters to disperse the dust,
Thus plodded on with sulky air,
Till a Dumb Waiter claim'd his care;
He then in rage with stern salute,
Bespoke the inoffensive mute:
"Thou stupid tool of vapourish asses,
With thy brown shelves for pots and glasses,

We honest folks must that the police and like young muses at a constant Ire forced to be content with ". . thou'rt a favourite of my mane: -. , we the madding on the castors. "In such a th many a rough attack. ie amon thum till he made him craek. Insuited stronger still and stronger. The your dumb thing could hold no longer-" I'hou fool, bors spoons and plates to dandle. Thou haberdasher of small scandal. lactor of family abuse. Retailer of domestic news, My out, as soon as I appear, Countries thee in the proper sphere; c'i iso it every place of call, the manifer's shop and cobbler's stall, Or actioner where for petty tales tim, the and beer, are constant vails; that were at table that was spoke Would soon become the public joke, Uni : Huurtul movemt converse to countil warp'd, or something worse. Whomier my master I attend, Breedy 'the mind be can unbend; that when such praters fill my place, then withing should be said but grace."

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THE FAIRY GIFT.

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n days of yore, when Fairies could bestow benefits on mankind, it happened that a prudent wife was brought to bed of a fine boy, and the Fairies, with whom

she was a great favourite, through her wise and proper conduct, came to congratulate her on the occasion, and offered her the disposal of three wishes to bestow on her new-born son, leaving the decision to her own choice. On demanding what would be her first wish, the good woman, with great gravity, answered, "Pray grant him impudence." that the mer i reason and have the luck of an immunity of men and soldom fail of outstanding men is much a load of imperfections on their least they make they make are in every sense their superares languish and their days neglected and in poverty, though possessed of the approbation and good will of all who know them. The truth is, the constraint of men are governed more by appearance than condition, and the impudent man in

his air and behaviour undertakes for himself that he has ability and worth, while the modest or diffident gives himself up as one who is endowed with neither. For this reason men of front carry things before them with little difficulty, and make such skilful use of their talents, that they can grow out of humour like persons of consequence, and be sour, and make even their dissatisfaction do them the same service as desert. This way of thinking is an apology for great men who confer favours on the impudent. In carrying on the government of mankind, they are not to consider what men they themselves approve in their closets and private conversations, but what men will extend themselves furthest and more generally pass upon the crowd for such as their patrons want for particular stations, and consequently take so much responsibility off the hands of those They will be useful as who employ them. servants to Ambition, but never as friends or associates in pleasure. However, it cannot but be recommended to all men who feel in them selves an impulse towards attempting laudable actions, to acquire such a degree of assurance as never to lose the possession of themselves in public or in private, so far as to be incapable of acting with a due decorum in any circumFor it is

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THE POET AND THE SPORTSMAN.

Breathing fragrance, gently rise,
While o'er hills and tufted trees
Streams of glory light the skies!

- "Lo! the' ascending orb of day!
 Sons of earth, he cries, rejoice!
 Nature wakes, and ev'ry spray
 Sends to Heav'n a grateful voice.
- "While these living glories shine, That the Almighty hand declare, Let the song of praise be mine, Mine the heart-exalting prayer!"

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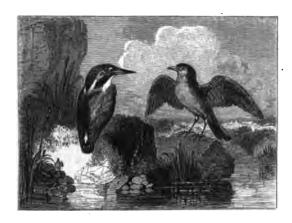
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THE KINGFISHER AND THE NIGHTINGALE.

NCE on a time a meeting took place between a Nightingale and a Kingfisher: the Nightingale was somewhat humbled at sight of the green and gilded plumage

of this dazzling bird, so much superior to that of his own homely colour; when the vain Kingfisher, with all the hauteur of one conscious of possessing the charms of outward beauty, treated the Nightingale with such airs of pride, as forced from that gentle bird this reflection: "I grant, my friend, that the splen-

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them their power of vanquishing. Without this irradiating power the proudest fair one ought to know, whatever may be told her to the contrary, that the most regular features are uninformed and dead.

How much nobler is the contemplation of beauty heightened by virtue! it then commands our esteem and love, whilst it attracts our admiration; but the charms of the coquette, when compared with the real loveliness of innocence, truth, and good humour, are spiritless and cold.

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VIOLET AND THE NIGHTSHADE.

stately plant of Nightshade reared its head with contempt over an humble Violet that grew near its roots, treating the little flower with mortifying pride. "It said the Violet, "that your lofty height, ndour of your rich purple bellflowers, ming polished berries of jet, and your et foliage, must ever attract the attenall who view you only in public, and you would be an ornament to the haplet; but recollect, that those who thoroughly, and have investigated

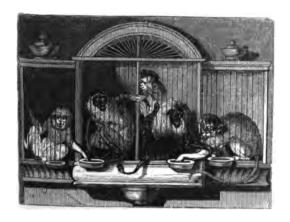
your hidden qualities, have discovered that you are filled with deadly venom; and that all who are so unlucky as to fall under the influence of your tyranny perish in agonizing torture from the effects of your fatal poison. As to myself, I have but little to boast of, and nothing to conceal; my merits and defects are open to all."

APPLICATION.

This Fable gives an example of a character that is but too often to be met with in the world. There are those who with a specious behaviour, a pleasing gaiety, or splendid wit, delight every company into which they enter, so that those who see them only out of their own dwelling conceive them to be paragons of wit and good nature; but if you trace them to their home and inquire of their household, you will often find them to be gloomy, implacable, cruel tyrants, feared and hated by their nearest relations and dependants.

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THE MONKEYS.



HE Monkeys belonging to a keeper of wild animals were usually confined in a line of narrow cages, each of which had a pan in the centre of its front for the tenants'

food: but it was to be observed that, when all the Monkeys were supplied with their messes, scarcely any one of them ate of his own pan, each thrust his arm through the bars, and robbed his right or left hand neighbour: half that was so seized was spilt and lost in the conveyance; and while one Monkey was so unprofitably engaged in plundering, his own pan was exposed to similar depredation.





THE PEACOCK, THE OWLS, AND THE EAGLE.

s once a Peacock, proud and vain,
Went brandishing his stately
train,
The Owls, his most obsequious
followers,

Adoring all the gaudy colours,
Which still a greater lustre find
From one black plume display'd behind:
The Bird who bears the bolt of Jove,
And guards the throne of realms above,
Indignant cried, "Unthinking fowl!
While those blind flatterers swell thy soul





THE PARROT AND THE SINGING BIRDS.



Parrot flew from his cage into a neighbouring wood, where he criticised the song of the Birds around him. At length they besought him to favour them in

return; for no doubt his performance was equal to his criticism.—The Parrot, after due consideration of the request, gravely scratched his head, and made this reply: "Gentlemen, I whistle, but I never sing."

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THE BEE AND THE BUTTERFLY.



GAUDY painted Butterfly, perched upon a marigold, and full of his own importance, thus began vainly to boast of his extensive travels: "I have ranged in shady groves,

over spacious lawns and verdant meadows, have wantoned in the rarest gardens, and caught the fragrance of every flower, have enjoyed the coolness of the grot, skimmed over the lake, and boarded the gilded yacht, and proudly flown amid the mansions of the great; in short, I know no bounds but the bounds of nature.

Surery travel gives one the highest liquity, and to live at home is not to live at all.

\ See that was near him under the shade i a lossom, and overheard this vain rodosoutage, moved by contempt and anger, vet and were pity for this idle boaster, made him iis auswer: "Vain unprofitable rambler! what hast thou to claim from travel? That you have ves is your disgrace, because you have not sea nem to any good purpose; nor from all the same viol scenes you have beheld have you was me to deduce one single useful result. Phereiore as a friend I would advise you to take once more a short exercises. Come with me and see my hive: the fruits of travel you will find there; and let the examine mend your manners and check your bosstrer, and then think of your own home and improve.

APPLICATION.

The proverb says, "He is no where who is every where;" for that plant never prospers that is often removed. It is not on the quantity of the objects or their number that we may have seen, but on the observations we have made upon them. and the information we have from from them, what we can claim the ad-

vantage of travelling. The dull may travel from north to south, and from east to west, and return just as empty as they set out. But the ingenious adventurer, by judicious research in foreign countries, may store himself with such a mass of knowledge as may be a valuable addition to the stock in his native land.





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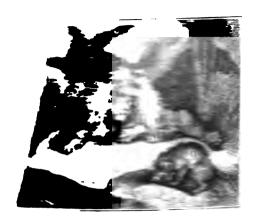
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While all by turns accuse, by turns deny,
Snarl, wrangle, rail, equivocate, and lie:
The wily scribbler lies conceal'd from day,
Surveys the tumult, and enjoys the fray,
With secret transport hugs his lucky jest,
While knaves with knaves, and fools with fools
contest.





THE LION AND THE LATLE.

ful adherent to the meres of he master the Lion, was now grown old and infirm, so that a moved the Lion to dispense with any

future fatigues in his service. "You are agen, and the Lion, " and shall rest in ease as a reward for your former services." The van replied, a That he was as young as ever in him in the prime of youth." When the very time in hunting this said Jackal, in order

ve his claims to youth and activity, exhimself with such energy beyond all nce, that at the end of the chase, perexhausted, he expired at the feet of his r.

Pitiable fool!" said the Lion; "vanity has thy destruction. Thou wouldst not conto be old."

APPLICATION.

By defying or disregarding the voice of ature and of truth, by permitting vanity or alsehood to triumph over prudence and reason, very many have been cut short in their career.

No art, no boasting, no cunning, will evade the awful power of truth: our vanity may serve to deceive ourselves, but no one else.

Whoever strives against truth and nature will lose the race.

The painted enamelled visage will never pass for youth or beauty: all the world see the folly, except those who attempt at the imposition.

All safety depends on Truth alone, for in her train is every blessing; but falsehood is followed by vexation, perplexity, and disgrace.



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said he, "to my labour; go and pay your visits to such only who are as idle as yourself: at least, you should not take up the time of those to whom time is precious, and who make use of every moment to some good purpose, thus reducing them to a level with yourself."

APPLICATION.

Le Joindre, an eminent French artist, had the following pithy sentence written over the door of his study:—" Les gens oisifs sont toujours importuns aux gens occupés*."

Bad habits are as infectious as the plague. The idle make those idle with whom they associate: the vicious libertine debauches or corrupts the innocent mind till it becomes as depraved as its teacher; the quarrelsome create broils wherever they intrude; gamesters make gamesters; and thieves make thieves. There is a tendency in nature to cause every thing where it is possible to produce its likeness.

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-avage, freed from pain and fear, a his friend with scornful sneer; at! now, no doubt, you want your hire, : mercenary fool-retire," - graceless ruffian taunting said), and thank me that you wear your head." generous Bird reply disdain'd, a spurn'd the ground the wretch profaned. ok'd up with yet unanger'd eye, clapp'd her wings, and sought the sky. Te Dog meantime, with inward pain, er careless air and just disdain Sheld; he cursed the glorious sight With all the rage of thwarted spite; The keen remorse assail'd him sore, And gave a pang unfelt before: With persevering feet, behind Him Justice traced, though lame and blind; When next he tasted living food, He found his late mischance renew'd, Another bone his throat retains, And doubles all his former pains: At once a thousand thoughts combined Like lightning flash'd upon his mind; They stung, they blasted, as they came, th conscious guilt, reproach, and shame: "and dog-to guile more cursed a prey, oan'd-as stretch'd on earth he lay.



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exquisitely beautiful and so accomplished in manners, that they seemed to possess every excellence of their mother added to

their own, and were distinguished by the name of the Graces. But their chief delight was to be seen conspicuously in royal courts, where, it may be said, they both instructed and learned; and were alike courted, admired, and imitated.

is love of general admiration in them gave her some serious thoughts, fearing it, in a degree, lose their original and simplicity, and affect what they Without return who The hero's pleasure Brave in all fortunes Friend to its foes, as Since the steel'd by shed, But throws a bright



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CARRIER AND HIS HORSE.

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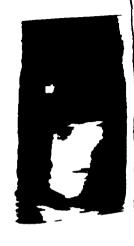
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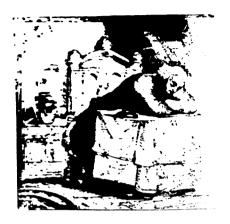


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THE PLY AND THE SNUFFTAKER.

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Made horses kick and heifers run, Damon, grown weary of his book, His trusty snuff-box with him took,

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Wars that to one that most did tease. He witer'd complements like these: -- The kittle whitting volatile, Whee nothingness might make me and Did not the great impertinence Gire harmaless nose so much offenden My nose which ne er offended the Unless thou own'st fraternity With flatterers, fops, and henned And all the scum of coffee-house All these, I own, my scornful in Turns up like the rhinocero-'." Thus to the buzzing thing he And thus the little Fly replied " I fetch my birth from that Which nestled in King Jeni Though he had three large That fly was free to take the mane ins And dost thou, little paltry Offence at me to take think . Foil me But if a human butterfly, THE CHEEK More busy, pert, and vain the Draws near with smiles an a matema iz She's welcome to films if a. in inees is Thy lip is free to one of the Jereiture III No can lead the -HINCE ONE WAY TOUR a Tanica

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THE DELICATE HERON.

ne day the long-billed, long-necked, long-legged Heron was walking on the banks of a river, whose water was transparent as crystal; the carp, the pike, the trout, were

wantoning up and down the stream. These the Heron might have caught with the greatest ease; but he thought it better to stay till his appetite was more keen. A little time after, his appetite came to him, and he saw tench rom the sandy bottom; yet these were cate enough for his taste; so he was

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THE BALM TREE AND THE THORN.



PERT and irritable Thorn, that grew near a stately Balm Tree, frequently upbraided him for his supine disposition, in so tamely submitting to have his sides

pierced and bored with sharp iron instruments, and his precious balsams drawn out for the benefit of those for whom he had no concern, and yet suffered all without a murmur.

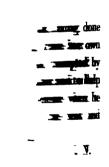
"True!" answered the Balm Tree, "I patiently suffer the privation of what is value, and without complaint; but my nd recompense is the reflection that

resolved to wait for better fare, and, like the mouse in Horace, was fantastically nice. Obrd stayed for more delicate food till not much as one fish appeared. His hunger then extreme, and he thought himself in even to meet with a poor Snail.

APPLICATION.

The delay shown by the bird in the interest is often exemplified among mankers have suffered in neglecting the action fortune offers them, until it is to retrieve the opportunity they have





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THE SWAN AND THE GEESE.



VAIN but stately Swan, who earnestly coveted adulation, found in a waddling Goose the readiest substitute for his purpose. This humble follower paid him pro-

found respect, and complied with all his humours and designs. This favourite selected another Goose, and these called in others of the same cast, such as would be perfectly agreeable to their principal. Thus the Swan soon found himself adored by a little flock,

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THE LION AND THE WOLF.

LION, having seized on a Wolf, was about to destroy him, when the Wolf craved for mercy, saying, "In what have I ever offended you to raise your enmity against

""—" You are," said the Lion, "a cruel rant over the innocent and weak, who are mable to resist your power, and therefore deserve death."—"Alas!" said the Wolf, "I to be pardoned, as I have done no more the example of my formidable and priors, by whose mode of conduct I

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THE SAGE AND THE LINNET.

HOARY Sage in pensive mood
Sought the recesses of a wood,
And, white with age, a Linnet
found
Carolling forth a joyous sound;

Wondering he ask'd, "These glooms among, What joys can prompt thy cheerful song? At such an age as thine must be, Thou own'st a joyous minstrelsy."

The Bird replied, "An exile here,
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T b When active virtue, love sincere,
Be am'd joy around my scanty sphere;
When full those joys to me return'd.
And in my breast reflected burn'd:
And now serene for death I wait,
Nor fear the expected hand of fate;
For there are realms beyond the sky,
Where birds on sweeter gales shall fly;
Where endless youth shall fill my veins,
And joy shall prompt immortal strains:
These hopes uncloud my parting day,
And age still chants a cheerful lay!"

APPLICATION.

No joys of sense like conscious goodness please, More bright than glory, and more soft than ease. In prospect these enchant the treacherous eye, Yet when approach'd illusive, fleet, and die. Still others spring, still please and cheat the same;

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h every colour gay, orismatic ray; cern no more dmired before.





THE DRUNKARD AND THE CONFESSOR.

N idle sottish Fellow frequently came to his ghostly father, a pious Dominican, with the repeated confession of his having comm tted the sin of drunken-

ness. The good Fa her concluded in his own mind that there mu sure in this same occasion this

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THE MAGPIE AND THE OWL.



PERT conceited Magpie was boasting of his own excellences to the Owl, saying how much he was superior to all the others of his family. When the sagacious Owl

thus answered him: "I shall not attempt to argue with you on your superior excellence, when compared with the rest of your family; only below that we are rarely the

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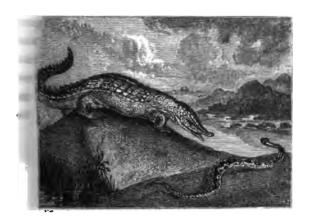
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THE CROCODILE AND SNAKE.



CROCODILE, cautiously creeping out of the river in search of prey, saw a Snake at some little distance from him, which he intended to seize and devour, by way

of whetting his appetite, till he found a better prize. But it chanced that the wily Snake espied him in due time to save himself, and prudently withdrew to a proper distance. The occidile, thus defeated in his intention, afsorrow, and wept a shower of tears, as fied at the slight shown to his approach.

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FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

HREE Sisters, of one heavenly parent born,

Religion brighten, and the church adorn;

The eldest, Faith, with Revelation's eyes,

Through Reason's shades, the realms of bliss descries,

Brings heaven in realizing prospect home, And antedates the happiness to come.

Hope, with life-bestowing smile, woe, and softens human toil;

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When the cunning Snake, being a tance, thus hissed out: "If you we for any real cause of grief, you might I do not think it prudent to any nearer, by way of consoling you any mischief in my nature, at lespretend any friendship where I mediam no hypocrite; and, therefore my distance from one who can we He then made the best of his way

APPLICATION.

Hypocrites are never to be trusted if by chance they do a good action an eye to their own interest, to some they may gain by it: as all their are governed by self-interest alone, be no safety in any of their offers of or help. They would make no sacrifice their best friend, if it would the slightest advantage to themse follow or be led by them is walking darkness, where we know we want to the slightest advantage.

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sibility!" said he; appreciating those to despise, it is; were not dumb as so might have as ignorance."

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him what secret enemy had thus traduced his character. "Why, then, to be short with you," said the Elephant, "I must say that I gained the information from your own mouth; for, at this present moment, I see it is all besmeared with blood." After receiving this answer, of course, the Wolf withdrew with all convenient speed.

APPLICATION.

It is in vain for a rogue in grain to pass himself off as an honest man. It may be discovered in his countenance, even before we are acquainted with his actions. Nature seems to have put a stamp on such characters, to forewarn us of our danger, like the noise in the tail of the Rattlesnake; so you may know a sot by the scent of his breath.

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THE HUNTED DEER.



HUNTED Deer, after enduring a a very hard chase, was worn out with fatigue, and reduced to the utmost extremity. The devoted victim, without a murmur or a

groan, but with an expression of anguish that appeared little less than human, let fall tears: when a Philosopher, who had witnessed the scene, calmly remarked, "That had any one of the company of hunters present been in the place of the suffering object of their sport, he would not have made his exit with such silent dignity."

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VIRTUE AND VICE.

Who rule this motley world of ours,
Disputed once which govern'd
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And whose dependents most were bless'd;

Their logic wasted and their wit,
Nor one nor t'other would submit;
But both the doubtful point consent
To clear, by fair experiment:
For this some mortal they declare,
By turns, shall both their bounty share;

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Iv name is Vice." Cried Hodge (and sneer'd), Long be your mighty name revered! Forbid it, Heaven! thus bless'd by you, That I should rob you of your due: To wealth 'twas you that made me heir, And gave, for which I thank your care. Wealth brought me wine, 'tis past a doubt; And wine (see here's a leg)—the gout. This beauty brought, and with the dame Disease, a bless'd companion! came. And now, to show how much I prize The joys which from your bounty rise; Each coupled with so dear a brother, I'll give you one to take the other. Avaunt! depart from whence you came, And thank your stars that I am lame." Enraged and grieved, away she flew, And all her gifts from Hodge withdrew.

Now, in his sad repentant hour,
Celestial Virtue tried her power:
For wealth content the goddess gave,
That unknown treasure to the slave!
From wild desires she set him free,
And fill'd his breast with charity:
No more loud tumults riot breeds,
And temperance gluttony succeeds.

Hodge, in his native cot at rest, Now Virtue found, and thus address'd:—

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THE BEACON AND THE CHANDELIER.



N a lordly hall, in which a gay company were assembled to dance and to feast, there was suspended a splendid Chandelier, surrounded by walls covered with the

richest hangings of silk and velvet, that prevented even the possibility of a transient breeze from agitating its brilliant light.

At a distance, through a window, was discovered a Beacon upon an exposed headland, whose warning light shone out amidst rain and

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Be returned, or handered race, Upon a rose-oud took as place; That way a stream its course directed,

Which all her various hoes rereflected.

There would, the foolish thing grew vain.

And thus she sung in lofty strain:

"How charming am I to behold!

We wings advan'd with shining gold:

New, here the emerald's green is spread,

And here appears a ruby red:

Ill colours that our charms the sight,

I was my converse wings and e.

Beauties, like mine, must have their charms, For beauty every breast alarms. That I have charms, who can dispute? E'en Envy's self must there be mute. All nature seems on me to smile, For pleasure made, and not for toil. I other insects view with scorn, That are for menial purpose born: As thus for instance, yonder Bee, What is he when compared to me? My life is always debonair, His nought but labour mix'd with care." " Hold, prating fool," the Bee replies; " Attend to me-for once be wise: The labouring Bees your pride disdains Bring from their labours noble gains; And when the summer seasons die, Their labours winter's wants supply; They live upon their toil-bought store, When your vain race are known no more; And when your boasted beauty dies, Their prudence every want supplies. Then learn from this, thou painted fool! 'Tis prudence gains the promised goal."

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neauty every season loses power, prudence strengthens to its latest hour.



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And thus, in haughty strain, begun To taunt the luckless Chaise and One: " How could my master place thee here, To vulgarize my atmosphere? Your homely make, believe me, man, Is quite upon the gothic plan, And you, and all your clumsy kind, For lowest purposes design'd: Fit only, with a one-eyed mare, To drag for benefit of air The country parson's ruddy wife (That friend of dull domestic life), Or, with his maid and aunt, to school, To carry Dicky on a stool; Or, haply, to some christening gay, A brace of godmothers convey; Or when bless'd Saturday prepares, For London tradesmen rest from cares, Tis thine to make them happy one day, Companion of their genial Sunday! Meantime remember, lifeless drone, I carry bucks and bloods alone; And oh! whene'er the weather's friendly, What inn, at Abingdon or Henley, But still my vast importance feels, And gladly greets my entering wheels? And think, obedient to the throng, How you gay street we smoke along;

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THE TIGER AND THE FOX.

HE cunning Fox became a most extraordinary favourite with a savage Tiger, by filling his ears perpetually with the grossest flattery. This so highly delighted the Tiger, that he would often roll on the ground in ecstasy at hearing the catalogue of his suspected high qualities; and, in return, the Fox with the choicest bits out of prey that he caught. Thus the Fox in secret despised ld swallow this fulsome

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fraction to all, that it is the easiest to practise, and the meanest, of all the ways by which the favour of the powerful can be obtained.

Flattery is a cordial to a vain, restless, or an unworthy mind: and even the best are not so satisfied in their own sufficiency, but that a little help is often very consoling: even where it is given gratis, it creates some pleasure in the most honest, and soothes our pride by its appearance of homage, although we may not receive it as truth.

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THE MOTH, GRASSHOPPER, AND BEE.

N a fine summer's morning a gaudy
Moth happened to light near a
Grasshopper on a green lawn.
"Well met," said the Grasshopper; "this is a morning just fit

for such idle gentry as ourselves." A bustling Bee, who overheard this harangue, immediately inned the company, and addressed the Grass-

said the Bee, "you are, idlers, and in that respect, upon a par. But recollect, between you: this gaudy and so idle,

played her time in unremitting industry, and spear a thread of which the robes of myslty are made. It was not till she was lifted from her laws station into higher life that she knew most how to conduct herself with becoming property, and grew worse than useless by helping time to destroy the very work that her virtous imbours had composed, and became from the time of her explication as vain, idle, and worthless as pourself; whose whole life has been special from beginning to end in hopping and stanging.

APPLICATION.

There are abundance of persons who, in humble and confined circumstances, are seen in conduct themselves with admirable prudence and propriety; and yet, lift them into a higher sphere, and increase their power, we shall see humours and pressions present themselves that the humble and possessed. For as our property is a property of action are increased, so much the life required to act; and if we have required to act in the required to act in t



THE OAK AND THE HONEYSUCKLE.



of a stately Oak an humble Honeysuckle, who thus in plaintive accents craved its protection:

"Most lordly Oak! vouchsafe to grant
Protection to a feeble plant;
Which asks no lappier fate to find,
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THE HARE AND THE BRAMBLE.

HARE, closely pursued, thought it prudent and meet

To a Bramble for refuge awhile

To a Bramble for refuge awhile to retreat;

He enter'd the covert, but, entering, found

That briers and thorns did on all sides abound; And that, though he was safe, yet he never could stir,

But his sides they would wound, or would tear off his fur;

He shrugg'd up his shoulders, but would not complain:

"To repine at small evils," quoth Puss, "is in vain;

That no bliss can be perfect, I very well know; But from the same source good and evil both flow; And full sorely my skin though these briers may rend,

Yet they keep off the dogs, and my life will defend:

For the sake of the good, then, let evil be borne; For each sweet has its bitter, each Bramble its thorn."





THE PEACH AND THE POTATOE.

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ssociate with his own kind, leaving his mistress regret that she had bestowed her kindness upon an undeserving object.

APPLICATION.

There are certain individuals of so perverse nuture that, in spite of the most careful attention having been bestowed upon their education, are no sooner left to act for themselves than they throw away all the advantages which a kind fortune has allotted them, and, as if drawn by magnetic power, fly with haste to poverty, vice, and misery.

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me the Ape always says the plain d flattery is of all things what I most The Dog still stood firm, saying, he d, with his own ears, this very Ape grossest and most false praise to animost undeserving of it; for instance, heard him praise the Goat for the beauty of his countenance; the Hog, excessive cleanliness and the delicacy eness of his feeding; the Bear, as being session of all the graces; and the Ass e captivating harmony of his voice.-," said the Lion, " but in justice let him a fair trial, and if you prove your charge st him, he shall die the most cruel of all Accordingly a day was fixed, and witnesses were all present to be interroed by the Dog. The Ape also was there, paid very little attention to what was ing on, and amused himself in the mean me by cracking nuts and eating apples. When he Goat, the Hog, the Bear, and the Ass heard the accusation against the Ape brought forward by the Dog, they, one and all, were struck with astonishment, and each denied ge against the Ape on their own part. tpe came forward, saying, "My

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correct and pleasing. Flattery can never take hold of any man, so as to corrupt him, that did not first flatter himself; for it is a vain opinion of ourselves that lays us open to be imposed upon by others; yet to be sincere is always dangerous, even when we are charged to be so.

Sincerity is no match in a contest with flattery, which will always find assistance; whilst sincerity will be deserted and left to fight out its own battle.

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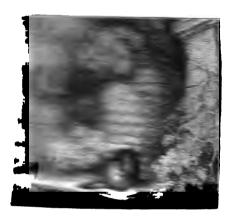


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lucky Snail made his entry into the aperture of a Bee Hive, where he was no somer espied by the busy community that rage and

indirnation filled every little breast; and a council being called, it was resolved unantable, that such an intruder on their peace and could order deserved no less punishment than death. They then immediately, with as little ceremony as mercy, flew upon their help-wictim and stang him till he died. This



ing accomplished, they returned triumtheir accustomed occupation. s the sequel, the consequence of their cruel act; for they soon found that Snail was become a much greater than when living, and that the tainted e hive grew daily more and more insuf-What was now to be done? was the To remove a substance of that bulk yond their power, and they sorely reof the rash action which had brought vv a calamity upon them: finding by experience that what at first was but a inconvenience, and could easily have been id of by the departure of the Snail, which it have been effected by gentle means, thus, precipitate rage, was turned into an evil of a magnitude as threatened the destruction the whole Hive. There was now but one nedy to lessen this evil, which was with ach labour and patience to enshrine this stiferous annoyance in a case of wax, which, ter great toil and time, was accomplished.

APPLICATION.

The above circumstance, though given in the orm of a Fable, is a strict matter of fact eco story of bees, and is often

exemplified in the actions and passions of mankind, who from pride, impatience, revenge, or want of foresight, have, by endeavouring to rid themselves of a small and transient evil, drawn a serious calamity upon their heads.

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THE WARRIOR AND CLIO.



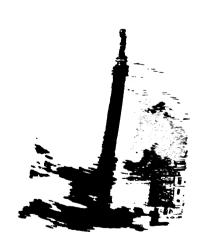
CERTAIN warlike Prince having demanded of Clio, the nymph of history, one of the best cut pens she had, she gave him a quill that was not cut at all, saying,

t belonged to him to cut it with his; and if that cut well, the pen would the better.

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HILOSOPHER AND GODDESS OF POVERTY.



GRAVE Philosopher, grown gray with care,

To Poverty's scorn'd Goddess made his prayer:—

" Pale Want! thou spectre of consumptive hue,

u delight to haunt me still in view;
thy presence must my steps attend,
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MINE AND THE POLECAT.

orthe delicate Ermine, who prided herself particularly on the brilliancy of her spotless fur, by ill luck formed a great friendship with an insinuating animal called or Skunk, a creature of the most qualities, and hateful from its nausuffocating scent. This intimacy means of making the innocent Ermine just as offensive as her companion, staining her snowy whiteness so that

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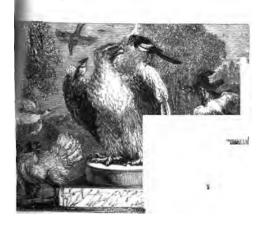
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THE EAGLE'S STATUE.



SUPERB piece of sculpture, representing an Eagle, was set upon a pedestal in a beautiful garden. The skill displayed in the execution of this figure seemed to make

1 nature, insomuch that all the feathered viewed it at a distance with terror, and d to approach it, as they would the jaws struction. This delusion for some time ued, till at last a pert inquisitive Magpie, ving that it remained tranquil, summoned

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THE ASS AND THE LAMB.



n idle, sluggish Ass, to screen himself from work, lay down in a hovel, making a grievous outcry, as if heavily oppressed by want and disease, when quickly

altitude of animals came to succour and him their help; for it was noticed that the time a favour was bestowed upon this beant he took especial care to proclaim it in violent brayings of acknowledging ame known to every creature wood, and echo returned the

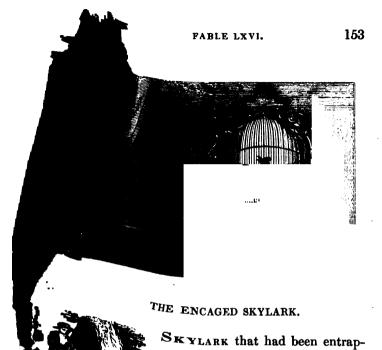
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Ped into a cage, made (while Auttering his wings) this lamentation: "These blessed plumes," bounded Heaven to range at pleasure in unbounded space; but my captivity in this narrow prison, which renders them useless, is the result
Wretch that I am, of my own conduct alone. Wretch that I am, ot to have duly estimated the value of that ich hature had estimated the value given me, but I must forfeit

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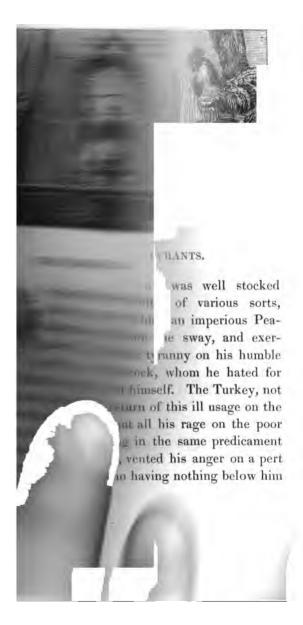
Lamb lay really perishing towant; but none came near to extremity. "Why," said show deserted in my misery, who said a cunning Fox, who come the Ass, gains so many help as and a cunning Fox, who come the Ass well knows that on the bounty he received public, he frequently and those who require publicate those who require publicate favours, but feel no inclination charity to put themselves be received with silent a known between themselves.

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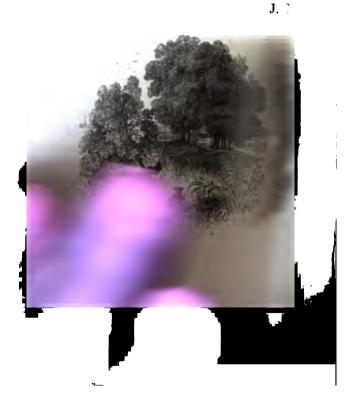
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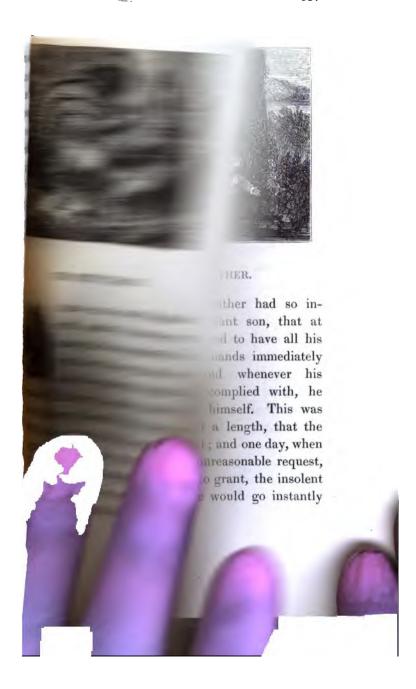
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APPLICATION.

Nothing is more common in us than that of not paying a due regard to the cultivational improvement of those advantages which are may have bestowed upon us for our well but which we too often neglect to follow alluring and deceitful pleasure that may our vanity or curiosity for a short may in the end produce misery or ruis on the other hand, a proper attention improvement of our best faculties by and care would have led us to prospension happiness.





and drown himself," and ran out of the house towards the water-side. Here he prudently made a stop, that his Father, who he saw was close behind him, might have the opportunity to prevent his threat from being carried into execution. His Father, quite contrary to the Boy's expectations, gave him a sudden push, and forced him over the bank into the shallow water beneath, saying, "Now drown threelf." This soon changed the young gentleman's tone, who, thoroughly frightened, cried out piteously for help; when the Father took him up, and led the dripping penitent home again, who never afterwards dared to attempt the same experiment.

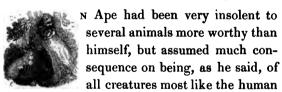
APPLICATION.

Too much severity, or too much indulgence, teem with mischief to its object. Overmuch indulgence is in general the most pernicious, as it tends to create a tyrant, who becomes the tormentor of himself and the abhorrence of all those that have to do with him.

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THE APE AND THE FOX.



species. "True," said the Fox, "in one particular you certainly have a similarity, in that of being without a tail, which might cover your nakedness."

The Ape, enraged at this sarcasm, began to pour out fierce denouncements of his wrath for this insult to his dignity. When the Fox

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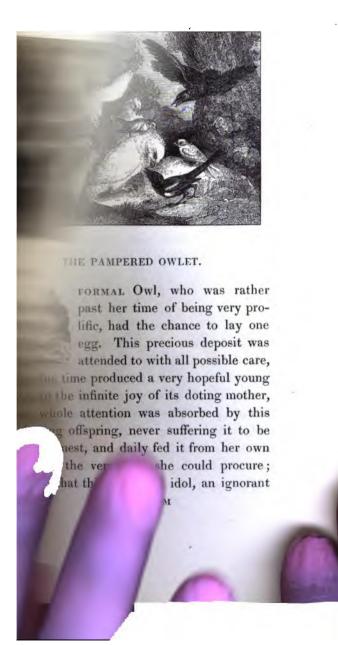
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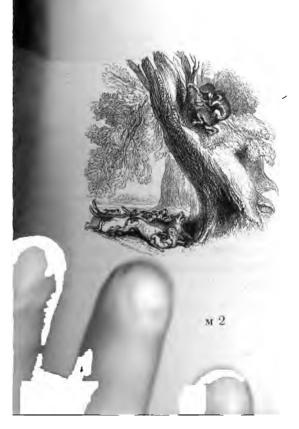
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Nothing is more silly that those persons who, from violapositions, throw out on slight impotent threats of vengeathemselves the scorn and derivation out the power of doing any even screening themselves from his anger.



monly fall into the snares of the artful and the knavish, or, at best, are miserably mortified to ind themselves totally unqualified to cope with world they are obliged to face; while the hild who is so lucky as to escape these pernitious indulgences is induced to be honest and adustrious in his own defence, if governed by sood policy.

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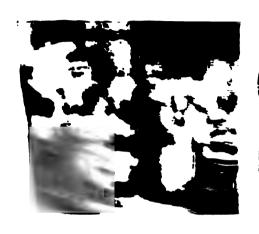
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mean time a vulgar blockhead, who favoured by fortune, and suddenly the lowest state of life into affludesirous to equip himself with a became a cavalier, and accordingly he principal armourer of the village dwelt to be supplied. This armourer, no less than a blacksmith, had no pedient than by decorating and polish-Ill Spit which lay among some of the of his shop, and thus furbished up it d the place of a Sword.

APPLICATION.

parallel to this Fable we but too often with in the capricious freaks of fortune, men of the meanest qualities and least are loaded with riches and adorned titles; whilst those who with painful mins and ardent study have improved their are left for lorn and neglected, and often, the mecessity, driven to seek employment in the meanest offices of life.

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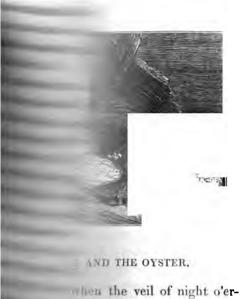
, he set his wits to work, and first humbly sted the cook to permit him to have the a saucepan and a little clean water, and all make a dish of Stone Broth.

oddity of the thought raised the curiosity inmates of the kitchen, who seconded his t. The traveller then picked up a stone he high road, and, washing it perfectly but it into the saucepan of water. He was a morsel of salt and a little pepper, mion and some scraps, which the cook arded. Thus he made a very savoury for himself, to the great amusement of pectators, who not only let him enjoy his Broth in peace, but were so much pleased his ingenuity that they gave him also a a and he departed dry, warm, and well

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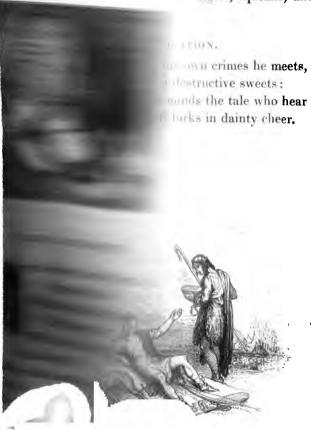
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r happened that on some eccasion a large assembly of the forthered kind met together, and at this meeting the subject of their conversation by chance turnel on the conversation by chance turnel on the company. One modestly extracting the enjoyed in the power is swift flight: another boasted his splendid plumage; while the sweetness of their notes in blendy a Parrot boldly declared,

those perfections in a mass united in imself. The audience heard this piece of Frontery with silent astonishment; on which he Parrot, as no one contradicted him, grew nore daringly impudent, and screamed out, in harsh loud tones, "That of all the birds the air, the greatest portion of excellence was in the Parrot." Suddenly, to the utter astonishment of the whole assembly, they heard this ridiculous assertion repeated by Echo from the adjacent rocks, saying, "Ex-Cellence was in the Parrot."—" Hear you said the shameless bird, " the very winds Proclaim my praise; I say, all perfection is in the Parrot."—" All perfection is in the Parrot," repeated Echo.—" You find," said the Parrot, "that it is confirmed. I conclude that ing is a. that it is confirmed. I confirmed in the need be said, and therefore the meeting is dissolved."

This was not much to the satisfaction of many truly meritorious birds, whose modesty of this; see with scorn the shameless folly of this impudent pretender, who, taking the vantage of thir greater decency and reserve, nt, an

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ECHO AND THE PARROT.



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THE FOX AND THE TORTOISE.



HUNTED Fox, who had narrowly escaped his pursuers by practising all the artful tricks acquired by long experience, chanced, in his retreat, to meet

with a Tortoise, who had slowly crept a little distance from his resting-place. The Fox most naturally began to discourse on the late difficulties and dangers of his situation, and the arts he had been obliged to have recourse to, in order to escape with his life. "Well," said the Tortoise with an exulting air, "I thank

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It is by comparison alone that we can make any estimate of those benefits that we are possessed of; and to have wholly escaped unsoftwhere is to be deprived of more than half the pleasure we should emjoy if we had been taken; the value of our blessings by tasting the reverse.

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THE MAN, THE SERPENT, AND THE LIZARD.



MAN, who lay slumbering one hot summer's day, was on a sudden awakened by the gentle biting of a Lizard, a little animal remarkable for its love to man-

kind. The Man threw it from his hand with indignation, and was rising up to kill it, when he saw a huge venomous Serpent gliding towards him on the other side, which he attacked and destroyed: reflecting afterwards with graviend that saved him, but with

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APPLICATION.

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But those who have lived to years

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they have not learned that the ready way to
make an enemy is to give advice; it is felt
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not concide with our own opinion; but, if
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THE LION AND THE FAITHFUL DOG.

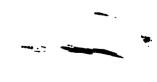
stout and honest Dog in his rambles met with a majestic Lion; who, having just feasted on a fat doe, which had become his prey, was in high good hu-

mour, and therefore entered into familiar conversation. "How comes it to pass," said the Dog, "that I am but too often treated with

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FORTUNE AND PLUTUS.

ortune one day meeting Plutus, the God of Riches, accosted him in the following abrupt manner: "Why," quoth she, "are you always at variance with all good and ever associate with the bad? is it as I have been informed, that you keep

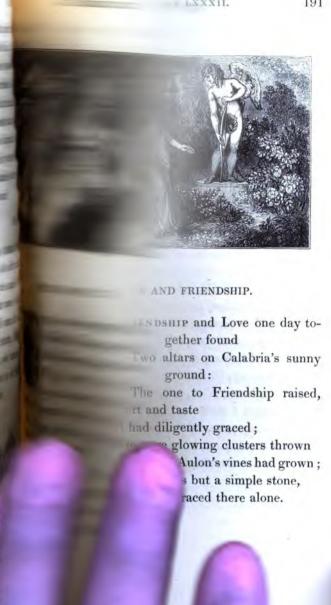
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"If good men," answered Plutus, " see me seldor ir company, it is purely their at they know not how to meither steal, cheat, nor lie;

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THE WOODCUTTER AND JUPITER.

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THE BEE AND THE SPIDER.



BEE who industriously spent his summer's day in flying from flower to flower, and gathering sweets from every one on which he alighted, at last came to one

that a spotted Spider had enveloped. Espying the Bee—"Fool," said the Spider, "what can bring you, who search for the sweets of nature only, to this flower? Here is nothing to your taste; for I myself have been sucking these two days and find nothing but poison in it."—"Wretched insect," said the Bee, "blame not

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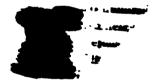




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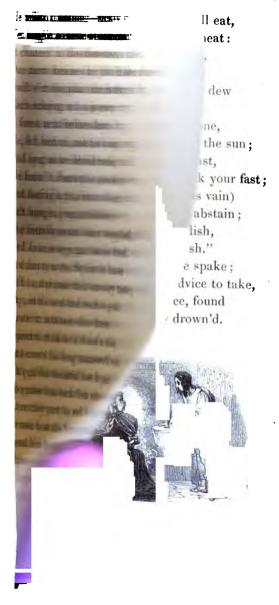
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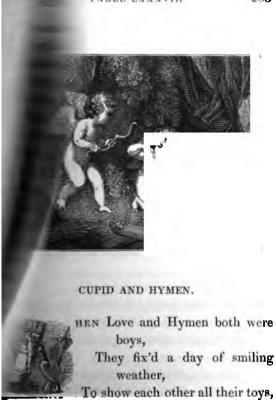
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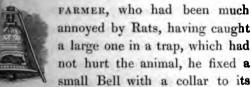
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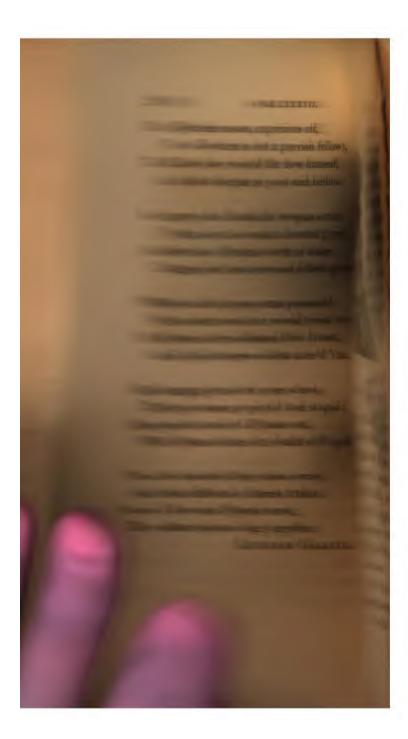




ck, and then gave the captive its liberty, ncluding that such a noisy companion would universally avoided by all his tribe, and that 'd forsake the house.

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familiar with the jingle of the Bell, began to regard it as an object of admiration; but, alas! in all their secret haunts, neither their silence nor cunning could now avail to keep them in safety. All their expeditions, however artfully planned, were now certain of being frustrated by the jingle of this odious Bell, that betrayed all their motions to their enemy the cat; who made such havock among them, that, to save the whole from being exterminated, they were compelled to fall upon the cause of their discomfiture and destroy him.

APPLICATION.

It is thus with men of superficial acquirements, who, for a while, excite the admiration and envy of the crowd, until, inflated by their own superiority, they render themselves completely obnoxious to the whole community by their intrusive conduct, and sooner or later the truth breaks through the veil, however artfully or firmly put on, and, for the preservation of order, it becomes necessary to expel them from society altogether.

J. N.



THE VIRGIN AND THE ROSE.





THE PRACTICAL JOKE.



COMPANY of young men, who were supping together at a tavern, found the wine that was served of a very indifferent quality; when one of them, whose house was

not far distant, mentioned that he had in his cellar at home some wine that was particularly fine, and that he would step to his house and fetch a couple of bottles, which suggestion much pleased the company. But after he was gone on his errand one of the company proposed to play him a trick, by going out to meet him in the way and to frighten him. To

g in his blood. Such was the conclusion practical joke.

APPLICATION.

joke is liable to be attended by very danous consequences: it is the resource of fools
to are incapable of foreseeing the great risk
ey run of involving themselves or the object
their unfeeling insipid wit in some fatal
atastrophe: it is a cruel and hazardous jocuarity, which has often turned a comedy into
the deepest tragedy; the instances that might
be brought as proofs are innumerable. The
proverb says, "To the wise it is a great pleasure to hear counsel mixed with mirth, as to
the foolish to have sport mingled with rudeness."





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APPLICATION.

Table is a true representation of many in tid, who, after having ruined both fortune aracter, seek how to clear their confoliame and throw it from their own ers upon others; and by that contrive real their vice and folly, saying they are mate: they next blame their enemies or triends, the world, even Providence itself; ort, every thing but themselves, who alone been the cause of all the evil. J. N.





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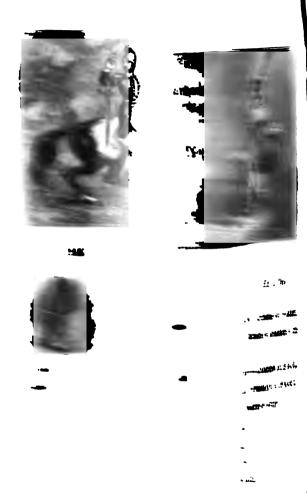
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Meantime the Farmer lived in peace. And kept his cocks, and hens, and goose. And stray'd the while as fancy led, Where forests waved or lawns were spread. These hours his Dog by custom knew. In these his sure attendant grew. One morn it chanced as he and Trav Ex and the virgin sweets of day, A waif who, at a neighbouring seat, Made superfluity complete, A usciese thing, midst thousands vair Had slipp'd or broke his fragile chair. The Furmer starts to see him nigh, And became it vain to fight or fly; Fig. us in act to seize the man, E.s inful Dog the fight began: When these engaged in doubtful fra . The Master fought in aid of Tray: I. - war hand a stake supplied. sax in hious the savage died. The Dog survived, though mounder To some of small, best lead mo more.

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From the Spanish of Don
Thomas de Yriarte.



" Before the lark I tune my lay, To soothe my love and haste the day, While Dian's bow o'erhangs on high The palace of the starry sky; Ere Phœbus bids those lamps retire, That sparkle with diminish'd fire. I roost betimes, betimes arise, And, like a bird of Paradise, Am ever healthy, wealthy, wise. He who to sloth addicted sleeps, His senses in oblivion steeps; Grim terror in his fancy reigns, And fever riots in his veins. To rules of sober diet true, I pick the grain, and sip the dew; From Bacchus' flowing bowl abstain, Whose draught intoxicates the brain."

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J. N.





THE DECREE OF APOLLO.

s Phœbus one day from Parnassus look'd down, To see in what favour the Muses were grown,

He saw with surprise fools of every condition,

To scribble unlicensed had ta'en a commission;
And willing his art from such vermin to free,
Straight call'd for some paper and penn'd this
decree:—

"Whoever in poetry hopes to succeed, Must these our strict orders religiously heed: · · ·

And since mean apparel than that which is fair Is easier to compass, let such be their wear: But as to their food, we no method can set, Let each member feed upon what he can get; Still let this restriction their palate confine, They ne'er must eat pheasant, nor taste of French wine.

These orders we will every poet do follow, As witness our name—THYMBRÆUS APOLLO."





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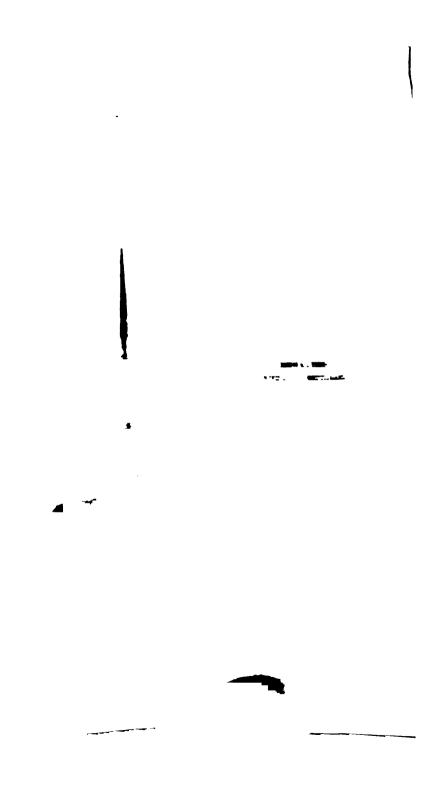


11th and profusion. What say you, Geneity?"-" I am partly of your opinion," reed Generosity; "but if, instead of unnecessary endour and useless presents, we disperse ge sums amongst public subscriptions and serving charities, I think it will be more vantageously disposed of."—Industry, who kept back, now advanced, and, exhibiting ie claims that perseverance, attention, and ctivity had upon Justice, modestly advocated heir cause, showing how inadequately honest xertion was often rewarded for her toils, though he effect of these labours, when justly remunerated, was to spread happiness and health amongst her followers, and to extend their beneficial influence to all mankind.

Prudence presented to Industry the purse, requesting her to disperse it in the way she had described, observing, that as the treasure was not inexhaustible, she must decline the advice of Prodigality; but should any remain after the demands upon Justice had been satisfied, she desired that it might be given to Generosity.

APPLICATION.

However praiseworthy a generous and charitable disposition may be, yet justice is paratunt.



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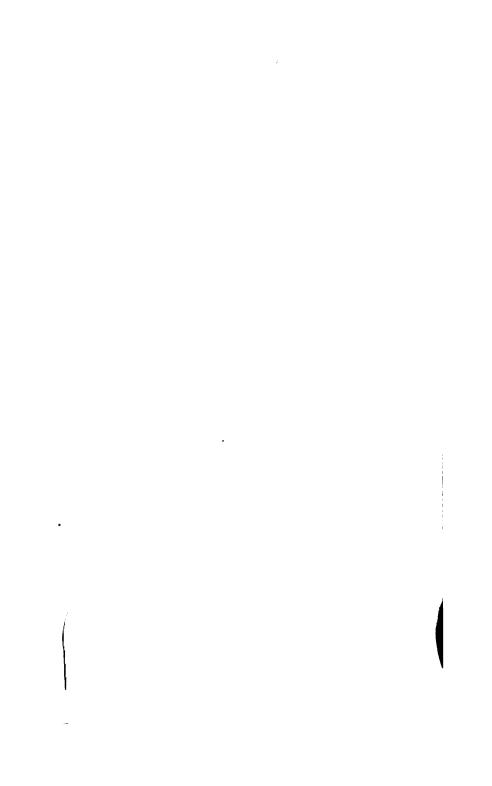
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